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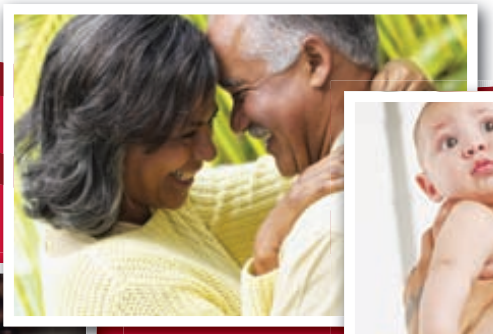

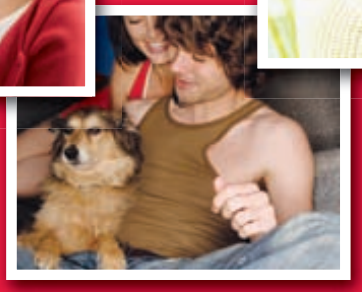

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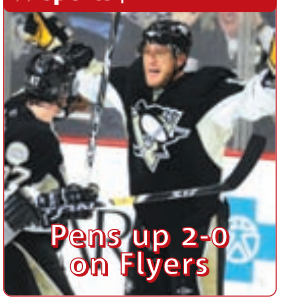

Colour new economy green

Report calls for province to add eco-friendly jobs

Turning Ontario's vanishing blue-collar manufacturing jobs into stable, well-paying "green-collar" employment in the emerging green economy should be central to poverty-proofing the province, says a new report.

Ontario has the second-largest manufacturing workforce on the continent after California, yet the province seriously lags behind American states in retooling shuttered factories for the green industries of the future, notes the report, entitled Work Isn't Working For Ontario Families.

"In the United States, cross-sectoral coalitions ... are working to create jobs and renew the manufacturing sector by focusing on green economic opportunities," says the report for Campaign 2000, the Toronto Labour Council and the Ontario branch of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Next Generation Jobs Fund

» The report welcomes the province's recent decision to fast-track the start-up of its Next Generation Jobs Fund with $1.5 billion for support to companies that produce green products or save energy.

Campaign 2000 is a national non-profit coalition of groups and individuals dedicated to ensuring Parliament lives up to its pledge to eliminate child poverty by 2000.

"Government has a leadership role to play providing policy frameworks, incentives and direct support for the development of new green manufacturing and services," the report says.

As Ontario loses manufacturing jobs, too many Ontario workers are becoming trapped in bad jobs with lousy wages, few benefits and no security, says the report's author Ann Decter, head of Campaign 2000.

Turning those bad jobs into good jobs is key to lifting children out of poverty, maintaining social order and ensuring the province's long-term economic prosperity.

The 27-page report, to be released at Queen's Park today, calls on the McGuinty government to kickstart the transformation by updating provincial labour laws, removing barriers to unionization of low-wage workplaces, investing in public goods and services and turning Ontario into a manufacturing hub for new green industries.

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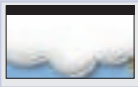

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Innocent victims

Children stand on a damaged structure yesterday on the outskirts of hard-hit Bogalay town in southern Myanmar. The first cargo ship carrying relief supplies to cyclone victims within Myanmar sank near Myinka Gone village, the Red Cross said yesterday. Story, page 8.

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Dump truck drivers stay put

Hundreds of rigs still in lot to protest working conditions

Life at Camp Dump Truck is "pretty depressing," says driver Ashley Bembridge.

He and hundreds of colleagues who parked their rigs have vowed not to haul dirt across Greater Toronto until they win more money, better working conditions and a promise they won't have to take on overweight loads.

"We're between a rock and a hard place," said Bembridge, a 48-year-old father of two who gave up a high-paying factory job five years ago and invested $160,000 in his own dump truck.

Hundreds of trucks remained in a lot at Dixie and Derry roads in Mississauga yesterday.

Many of these trucks rolled out in a 2½-hour protest along some of Toronto's busiest highways last week.

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plan to meet minister

» Harsimran Gill of the Ontario Dump Truck Association said association leaders plan to meet with Ontario Transportation Minister Jim Bradley today at Queen's Park.

Board watchdog urged

The Toronto Catholic District School Board's newest trustee wants an integrity commissioner appointed to hold trustees accountable for spending and other decisions.

Rob Davis, appointed by the board last Thursday to replace Ward 6 trustee Christine Nunziata, who resigned after missing three consecutive meetings, says an integrity commissioner is needed to restore public confidence after revelations of outrageous spending by some trustees emerged in an education ministry review.

In a news release issued yesterday, Davis said public response about the spending revelations "has been extremely negative.

"I haven't met one person who isn't deeply concerned about the report and its implications for Catholic education in Toronto."

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critical report

» Provincial adviser Norbert Hartmann released a report last week that identified a culture of entitlement among Toronto trustees that resulted in them hiring relatives and double-dipping on expenses.

Meagan's walk **Fundraiser for cancer**

AARON LYNETT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thousands of people join hands around the periphery of Sick Kids Hospital to give it a human hug, following the annual Meagan's Walk yesterday. The walk raises money for research in the name of Meagan Bebenek, who passed away in 2001, just shy of her fifth birthday. The event raised $270,000 this year.

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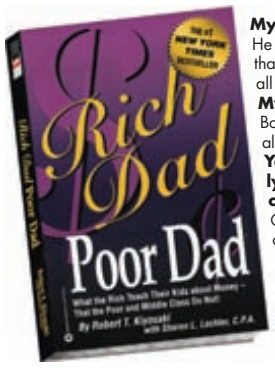

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Camping in city

Outdoor facility nestled in Rouge Park

Saturday was a night of firsts for the Gaitskell family.

It was the first time the foursome went on vacation with their two new puppies, a rambunctious duo named Casey and Finnegan.

It was their first night sleeping in a tent — though their luxury three-bedroom model, complete with a screened foyer, scarcely qualified as "roughing it."

It was also the first chance they had to check out the Glen Rouge Campground, an 8.7-hectare site nestled in the wilds of Rouge Park, where the family has hiked in summers past.

urban park
» The Glen Rouge Campground is Canada's largest urban park and Toronto's only campground.

The camp, just minutes away from the Toronto Zoo, opened for the season last weekend, drawing some 20 groups of campers and RVers.

"We thought we'd try something close to town, so if it doesn't work out, we're not stuck three hours in the car," said Gail Gaitskell as she pumped up inflatable twin mattresses for Kyle, 11, and Shannon, 10.

The trip was a last-minute decision for the Gaitskells, who packed their gear into the family van and left their home in Pickering around 2 p.m. that day, she said.

"It gets very busy," said Bonnie Dunsby, who manned the visitor centre Saturday night and registered campers. "When the kids get out of school, that's when it really hits."

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Aussie newcomer strategy lauded

An Australian-style system for selecting skilled immigrants that includes mandatory English testing and credential assessments could be the answer to Canada's classic newcomer conundrum: The doctor who ends up driving a cab. Or so a new study suggests.

Australia and Canada once had similar criteria and "points" systems for selecting immigrants in the skilled category — and similar outcomes.

But Australia fine-tuned its screening system over the past decade, and its degree-holding newcomers are doing much better than those arriving in Canada, said the new study to be released today by the Montreal-based Institute for Research on Public Policy.

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» **STABBED** A 48-year-old man was sent to hospital with stab wounds to the back and hand after a fight in an apartment on Humber Boulevard near Weston Road around 7 a.m. yesterday. Police believe the assailant was a woman.

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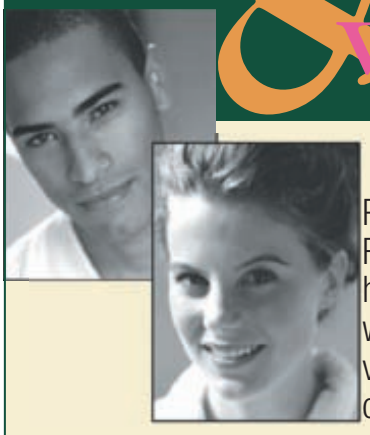
men & women



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Security checks not needed: Day

Investigating lives of MPs' partners 'excessive'

Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day says there's no need to run security checks on the spouses or partners of federal cabinet ministers, despite the political storm over Maxime Bernier's ex-girlfriend.

Speaking on CTV's Question Period yesterday, Day rejected claims that the foreign minister's relationship with Montrealer Julie Couillard raised issues of national security. "I don't agree with that at all," said Day, accusing opposition politicians of taking cheap shots at his colleague.

"To go into the private lives of the spouses, the partners of all members of Parliament ... I think that's a little bit excessive," said Day.

Day, who is responsible for the Mounties and CSIS, adamantly stuck to the Conservative government's oft-repeated position that Bernier's ties to Couillard were a purely personal and private matter.

The foreign minister faced new controversy on the weekend, as the Montreal daily La Presse reported the RCMP had visited him to ask about a photo of Bernier shaking hands with Michael Chamas, a businessman arrested with 27 others as part of an operation targeting organized crime on aboriginal reserves in Quebec and eastern Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP warning

» Former RCMP commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli warned years ago that organized crime might try to infiltrate Parliament and other national institutions.

Ontario man wins $1 million at poker

Jack Hinchey of Oshawa who captured the million-dollar first prize at a poker tournament in Barcelona on the weekend says his only goal was to win enough cash to put his 10-year-old granddaughter through university.

After winning the World Poker Crown, Hinchey came home last night and was greeted by friends and family.

The 49-year-old plumbing repair man, who has been playing poker for about 30 years, says the tournament started with an Internet competition, where he bested more that 2,000 players.

Three other Canadians made the final 10 and travelled to Spain. Michael Lawson of Orangeville, Ont., and Mark Castonguay of Montreal finished second and eighth, winning $397,000 and $30,000 respectively. Michael Leah of Toronto was among players eliminated in the early going. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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» **CHURCH** Two of three breakaway Anglican parishes in the Diocese of Niagara spurned an Ontario court ruling issued last week requiring them to share their church buildings with the diocese, opting instead to conduct Sunday services at new locations.

» **DEATH** Ontario police say a 43-year-old woman from South Africa died of natural causes aboard a Via Rail train from Vancouver on Friday, setting off a massive biohazard response. Six ill passengers were diagnosed with the common flu. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ballot counter **Machines in spotlight**

CINDY WILSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO

A new voting tabulation machine used in New Brunswick's municipal and school board elections are drawing international attention because of the way ballots will be counted. The province will today become the first in Canada to use electronic tabulation machines to count ballots for every community. Dominion Voting will provide 229 of the machines at a cost of about $800,000.

Brenda Martin granted parole

Brenda Martin spent her first weekend as a free woman rummaging through her mom's freezer for just the right ingredients to whip up a special Mother's Day feast.

After so many years apart, dinner has to be just right.

"This is my mother's biggest Mother's Day that she's ever had. It's the biggest Mother's Day I've ever had for my mother," she said.

"(It's) my most important Mother's Day gift to my mother ever in my life."

It was a whirlwind weekend for Martin. She was released late Friday from a Kitchener, Ont., prison after being granted full parole that afternoon.

She's now staying with her mother, Marjorie Bletcher, in Trenton, Ont. For Bletcher, the perfect Mother's Day gift is time alone with her daughter. It's been years since mother and daughter shared a meal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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» Martin, 51, told The Canadian Press she's going to serve roast pork with scalloped potatoes, baked squash, green vegetables and Roquefort cheese.

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U.S. seeks more professionals

IMMIGRATION

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The U.S. has introduced a proposal to make it more attractive for Canadian and Mexican professionals to work in the United States under the auspices of NAFTA.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has published a proposal to increase the maximum duration of TN status issued to Canadian and Mexican professional workers to three years from one year.

The notice states that "these changes are expected to make the TN non-immigrant classification more attractive to professionals and their U.S. employers."

There is no legal limit to the number of times TN status can be renewed provided the worker can continue to demonstrate a non-immigrant intent. The proposed rules will also apply to the dependents of these workers.

The USCIS expects these changes will reduce the potential for interruption of employment caused by annual renewals and delays in processing; provide cost and resource savings to the foreign worker and their U.S. employer; and create a more stable and predictable workforce.

The announcement was made by the U.S. agency without any commitment from Canada that it will reciprocate the favour to Canada-bound American professionals. However, the Americans were not shy in expressing hope that "this proposal may encourage other NAFTA signatories to reciprocate by effecting similar liberalizing measures with respect to citizens of the United States seeking admission to their countries under NAFTA."

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Given that this proposal will not need Congressional approval it is more likely than not that it will be approved.

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Turning to Canada, I am far less optimistic of the chances of the implementation of a motion that was passed on May 7 by Parliament.

The House of Commons concurred in a recommendation by its Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration that would "allow any applicant (unless they have serious criminality) who has filed their first in-Canada spousal or common law sponsorship application to be entitled to a temporary work permit and an automatic stay of removal until a decision is rendered on their application."

However, this motion is not binding on CIC and its ultimate adoption is speculative, at best.

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Finally, for those Canadians who would prefer to sponsor their mom to Canada than calling her overseas on Mother's Day, this is how many months it is currently taking to complete the process at the following visa posts, including 23 months of processing in Mississauga: Buffalo 29-36; Beijing 35-42; New Delhi 28-56; Damascus 31-56. These are not the worst and 20 per cent of these cases take even longer.

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Fourth-grader Andrew Niemi of Carleton, Mich., has reached his goal, set Christmas 2006, of collecting one million pennies. He presented a $10,000 cheque to his school. The money will go toward various school upgrades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tornado terror

At least 21 dead after tornado rips through U.S. states

Rescue crews and search dogs hunted for survivors or bodies yesterday in the piles of debris left by a tornado that rumbled through the former mining town of Picher, Okla., a day earlier, killing at least seven people.

The same storm system killed at least 14 others in Missouri and one person in Georgia.

Residents said the tornado created a surreal scene as it moved through Picher late Saturday afternoon, injuring 150 people and overturning cars and throwing mattresses and twisted metal high into the canopy of trees.

"I swear I could see cars floating," said Herman Hernandez, 68. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

deadliest in Oklahoma since '99

» The tornado was the deadliest in Oklahoma since a May 3, 1999, twister that killed 44 people. The U.S. National Weather Service estimated at least eight tornadoes were spawned in Oklahoma along six storm tracks.

Germany **Carnival dance**

MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dancers perform yesterday during the Carnival of the Cultures in Berlin, Germany.

myanmar

Red Cross boat with supplies sinks

CYCLONE RELIEF A Red Cross boat carrying rice and drinking water for cyclone victims sank yesterday, while the death toll jumped to more than 28,000 and aid groups warned of a humanitarian catastrophe.

The double-decker boat that sank was carrying supplies for more than 1,000 people and was the first Red Cross shipment to the disaster area, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said. All four relief workers on board were safe, it said.

Although more food reached victims as roads were cleared of fallen trees, British aid group Oxfam warned that up to 1.5 million face death if they do not get clean water and sanitation soon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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» **BRAWL** A high school in California was locked down after about 600 students fought in a lunchtime brawl that had to be quelled by police in riot gear. The apparently gang-related fight started around noon Friday at Locke High School in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

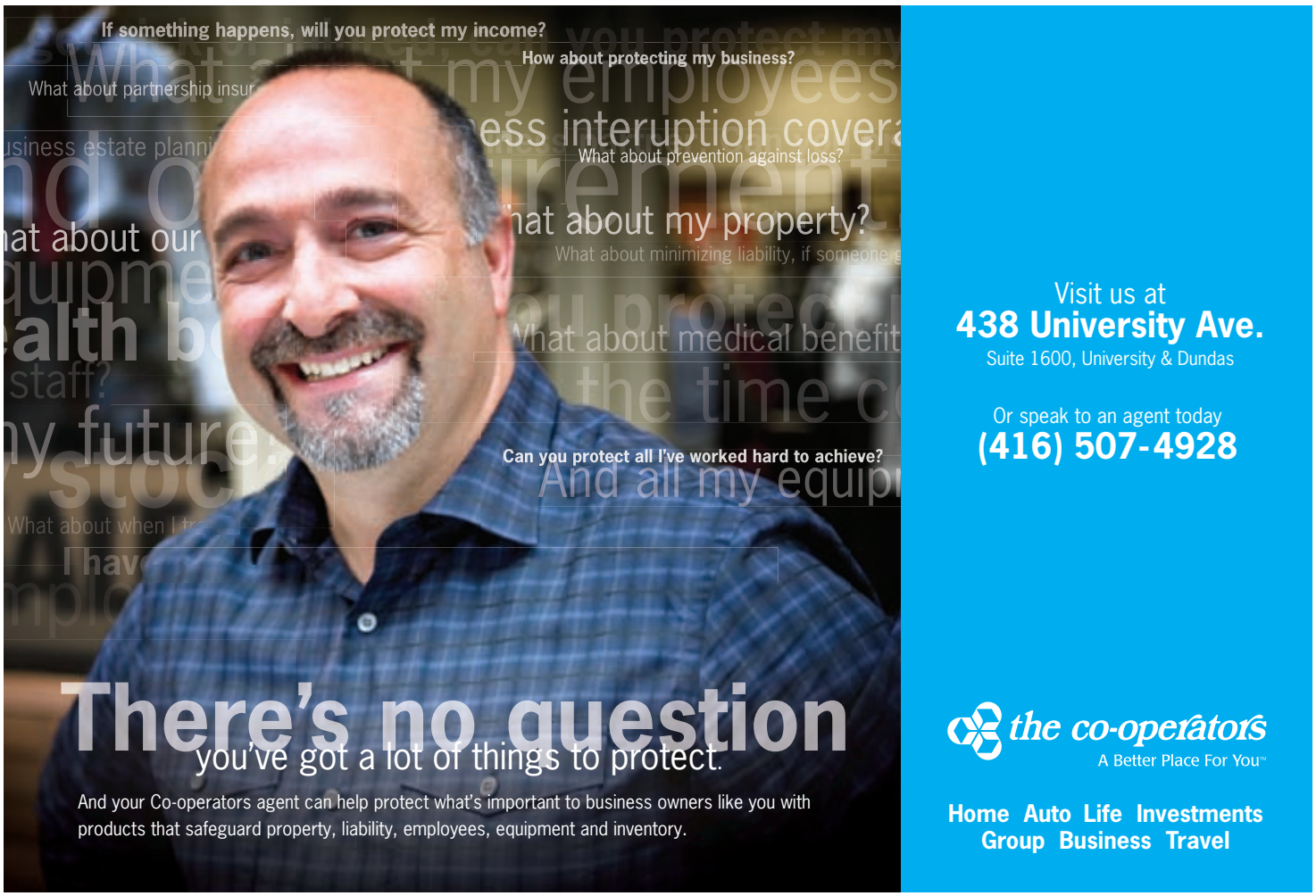
1976 parking ticket paid

Better late than never.

An unidentified woman has paid off a parking ticket she got in Calumet, Mich., on Sept. 1, 1976.

Police in the Upper Michigan town had long ago written off the one-dollar ticket and were surprised when it showed up in the mail, along with a $20 bill and a note.

The message: "I always had good intentions of paying it. I put it aside and every once in a while I would come across it and said 'someday I'm going to pay it.' Now I think it's time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Jenna weds at ranch

Newlyweds pick Taj Mahal song for first dance

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Jenna Bush exchanges wedding vows with Henry Hager at the Bush family's ranch near Crawford, Texas, Saturday. Rev. Kirbyjohn Caldwell, centre, performs the ceremony.

Jenna Bush, 26, couldn't see herself getting married at the White House surrounded by antique furniture and oil portraits of presidents.

She and Henry Hager said "I do" Saturday at U.S. President George W. Bush's ranch in Crawford, where the roads are named Cattle Drive and the Texas flag is painted on the rooftops of barns.

The president and the bride picked You Are So Beautiful for their father-daughter dance, according to band leader Tyrone Smith of Nashville, Tenn. The 10-piece party band, The Tyrone Smith Revue, was asked to do Lovin' In My Baby's Eyes by Taj Mahal for the newlyweds' first dance.

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» **CAMPAIGN** Barack Obama has overtaken Hillary Rodham Clinton in superdelegate endorsements for the first time, including two who had previously endorsed Clinton. At least 10 superdelegates have switched allegiances to Obama from Clinton. None have publicly switched the other way.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not without her passport

Montrealer Autumn Kelly gave up Catholicism to marry the Queen's first-born grandson, Peter Phillips, on May 17 but is keeping her Canadian passport, she told celebrity magazine Hello!

The son of Princess Anne and Kelly reportedly received $1 million for the interview.

The now-30-year-olds met five years ago at the Montreal Grand Prix.

Had Kelly not converted from Catholicism to the Church of England, Phillips would have to give up his place in succession (11th in line) to the throne.

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business

EnCana Corp., Canada's biggest natural gas player, says it is splitting into two companies — one an oil company and the other devoted to developing gas assets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apple to settle iPod lawsuit

Offers store credit to settle issue over battery life

Apple Inc. has agreed to settle a pair of class-action lawsuits in Canada alleging it misled customers about the staying power of its iPods, the latest courtroom truce over the dwindling battery life of early generations of the device.

According to a court document, the company is offering credits for its online store of about $44.75 to people who live in Canada and bought certain iPods here on or before June 24, 2004.

To be eligible, the battery life of their iPods — while continuously playing music — needs to have dropped to five hours or less for the first and second generation of the device and four hours or less for the third generation.

The lead plaintiffs in the lawsuits — iPod owners Ines Lenzi and Bradley Waddell — claimed Apple misrepresented iPods' battery life by claiming they were capable of eight to 10 hours of continual music playback. After recharging, the iPods' battery life began declining.

Motions to approve the settlement are scheduled for June 11 in Quebec Superior Court and June 20 in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

earlier class-action in the U.S.

» In 2005, Apple agreed to give some iPod owners $50 in store credit or $25 in cash if the battery life in their early-generation iPods dropped below certain levels.

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» **SURCHARGE** Air Canada quietly imposed domestic fuel charges Friday for the first time in four years. The price increases would add $120 a round-trip for flights of more than 1,600 kilometres, each way. Smaller surcharges would be slapped on tickets for shorter trips.

» **AIRCRAFT** China has set up a homegrown company to make passenger jumbo jets – a step forward in the country's quest to become less dependent on Boeing and Airbus. China Commercial Aircraft Co. was established in Shanghai with capital of $2.7 billion US.

» **JOBS** The Canadian economy continues to add workers, creating 19,200 new jobs in April after a slightly smaller gain the previous month. The new jobs, mostly full-time and self-employed categories, couldn't prevent the national unemployment rate from edging up by one-tenth of a point to 6.1 per cent.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

It's a job Teenage miners

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A teenage miner carries coal from an illegal mine in southern Kyrgyzstan. After the region's huge Soviet coal mines closed in the 1990s, jobless men and boys started their own operations, using picks and shovels to claw the fuel out of the mountains. Some are as young as 11.

Guinness

Brewer rattles an Irish icon

LAYOFFS Guinness beer owner Diageo PLC on Friday announced plans to lay off more than half its brewery workers, close two breweries and shift most beer production to a new, high-tech plant in the Dublin suburbs by 2013.

The beverage company decided not to close the landmark Guinness brewery, one of Dublin's oldest businesses and a top tourist attraction, after concluding this would do too much damage to its brand image and customer sentiment.

Diageo expects to lay off about 250 people in Ireland over the next five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Toronto Blue Jays-Cleveland Indians game was postponed by rain yesterday and will be made up in a doubleheader today. The first game is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pens take advantage

Flyers fading fast as they lose Coburn to injury

PENGUINS 4 FLYERS 2

The Pittsburgh Penguins are two wins away from the Stanley Cup final. With the Philadelphia Flyers down their best two defencemen, it seems likely they'll get there.

Maxime Talbot scored the winning goal 8:51 into the third period last night to lift the Penguins to a 4-2 win over the Flyers, handing Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference final.

Marian Hossa, Sidney Crosby and Jordan Staal, into an empty net, also scored for the Penguins, who won their 15th straight home game and improved to an impressive 10-1 overall in the NHL playoffs.

Mike Richards and Jeff Carter had the goals for the Flyers, who limp back to Philadelphia for Game 3 tomorrow night now missing Braydon Coburn as well as Kimmo Timonen from their blue-line corps. Those are huge holes to fill.

The game was only 1:51 old and the Flyers were handed a serious setback when Coburn left a trail of blood behind him after taking the puck in the face from Hal Gill's point shot. Coburn did not return, reportedly needing more than 40 stitches. Timonen went down before the series with a blood clot in his leg.

"My left eye is swollen shut right now. I will keep the ice on it and get the swelling down and see what happens tomorrow," said Coburn in quotes distributed by the Flyers, adding he could play Game 3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Penguins captain Sidney Crosby puts the puck past Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Martin Biron on a goal that was later disallowed last night during the first period of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals in Pittsburgh.

Jazz even series with OT victory

Confident Utah plays tight defence

The Utah Jazz had plenty of chances to crumble and nearly did.

They let a 12-point slip away in the last four minutes and faced overtime against league MVP Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers. Instead of wilting, Utah played its toughest defence of the playoffs and pulled out a 123-115 victory yesterday, tying their Western Conference semifinal series 2-2.

The Jazz held the Lakers to two field goals in OT and went 9-for-9 from the foul line while outscoring the Lakers 15-7.

Spurs 100 Hornets 80 — Tim Duncan had 22 points and 15 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the New Orleans Hornets last night to even their Western Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

Tony Parker added 21 points for the Spurs, who led nearly the entire game and are assured of a Game 6 back in San Antonio. Chris Paul scored 23 for the Hornets THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams lays up the ball against Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant yesterday in Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Finland rallies for bloody good win over U.S.

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

The trail of blood on the ice from Anssi Salmela's broken nose after the final horn sounded told the story.

Finland remained unbeaten with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over the United States last night at the Metro Centre in the nastiest game yet at the world hockey championship.

The teams combined for 202 penalty minutes, including three match penalties, a butt-ending major and double-minors for checks to the head and leaving the penalty box.

"I liked it," Finnish coach Doug Shedden said afterward. "There was some blood, some battles, guys are pissed off, and I like that. It's good."

Salmela and Backes earn automatic one-game suspensions, as does Finnish star Olli Jokinen for a first-period check from behind. Additional discipline could follow.

Finland moved to within a point of Canada atop the Group F standings. The teams face off today in the qualifying round finale for both teams.

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» **MLB** The Milwaukee Brewers yanked Eric Gagne from the closer's role yesterday after the reliever called his latest performance embarrassing and said he didn't feel he deserved to pitch the ninth anymore. Manager Ned Yost said he read Gagne's comments and will use a closer by committee approach while the Mascouche, Que., native takes what Yost called a "mental break."

» **MOTORSPORTS** Felipe Massa held off Lewis Hamilton of McLaren to win his third straight Turkish Grand Prix yesterday and clinch Ferrari's fourth consecutive Formula One victory. Massa finished 3.7 seconds ahead of Hamilton after 58 laps at Istanbul Speed Park circuit to ensure that no driver has ever lost from pole position in Turkey in the four-year history of the race. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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»sports In Brief

» **SOCCER** Manchester United won its 10th Premier League title in 16 years and second in a row by beating Wigan 2-0 yesterday on the final day of the season. Chelsea, which went into its final game even on points with United but way behind on goal difference, was held to a 1-1 draw by Bolton and wound up two points behind in an anticlimactic finish. Man U and Chelsea will meet in the UEFA Champions League final on May 21 in Moscow.

» **SOCCER** Shaun Saiko scored a second-half goal yesterday, but Canada's under-20 men's soccer team had to settle for a 1-1 draw with Argentina in an international friendly, a game that marked the one-year anniversary of BMO Field. Jonaton Lopez scored the lone goal for defending U-20 World Cup Argentines.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Garcia snaps drought

Jubilant Spaniard wins 'fifth major' at Sawgrass in playoff

Sergio Garcia, the best player without a major, got the next best thing yesterday.

Garcia ended the longest victory drought of his career by making a clutch par putt to force a playoff and hitting the island-green 17th on the first extra hole to defeat Paul Goydos in The Players Championship at Sawgrass in Florida.

Haunted by putting problems that kept him without a victory the past three years and 53 PGA Tour events, Garcia came up with a 45-foot birdie on the 14th to get back in the game and a 7-foot par putt on the 18th hole for a 1-under 71.

PHIL COALE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sergio Garcia kisses the trophy after winning The Players Championship yesterday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Goydos, playing in the final group, missed a 15-foot par putt on the last hole for the win. He closed with a 74.

"It's been a lot of work," Garcia said, clutching the crystal trophy. "It feels like the last three years I've been playing well. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to come around and win. This week, I played so nicely. It felt like everything was so hard. I'm just thrilled the week is over and I managed to finish on top."

Garcia and Goydos finished at 5-under 283.

Calgary's Stephen Ames, who won the tournament in 2006, finished fifth. Ames closed with a 72 to finish five shots back at even par 288.

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Detroit at Dallas, 8
*Game 7 — Wednesday, May 21
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30
(Detroit leads series 2-0)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 4 — Tonight
Boston at Cleveland, 8
Game 5 — Wednesday
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
*Game 6 — Friday
Boston at Cleveland, TBA
*Game 7 — Sunday, May 18
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Boston leads series 2-1)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
Game 5 — Tomorrow
Orlando at Detroit, 7
*Game 6 — Thursday
Detroit at Orlando, TBA
*Game 7 — Sunday, May 18
Orlando at Detroit, TBA
(Detroit leads series 3-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 4 — Yesterday
Utah 123 L.A. Lakers 115 (OT)
Game 5 — Wednesday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
Game 6 — Friday
L.A. Lakers at Utah, TBA
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 4 — Last night
New Orleans at San Antonio
Game 5 — Tomorrow
San Antonio at New Orleans, 9:30
*Game 6 — Thursday
New Orleans at San Antonio, TBA
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 2-1)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO at Cleveland — ppd., rain
Kansas City 4 Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 8 L.A. Angels 5
Oakland 12 Texas 6
Seattle 6 Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit — ppd., rain
Boston at Minnesota
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 6 Arizona 4
Florida 5 Washington 4
Houston 8 L.A. Dodgers 5
Milwaukee 5 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 8 Cincinnati 3
San Diego 6 Colorado 1
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 3
Atlanta at Pittsburgh — ppd., rain
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO at Cleveland, 4:05 (DH)
Boston at Minnesota, 7:05
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Seattle at Texas, 8:05
Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Florida at Cincinnati, 7:10
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 8:05
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15

AHL

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
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SATURDAY'S GAME
Columbus at **TORONTO**, 3:30

LOTTERIES

Friday, May 9, 2008
Lotto Super 7 3, 14, 25, 35, 36, 38 & 43. Bonus 32.
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Encore 2503422
Daily Keno 7, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 29, 33, 35, 36, 41, 42, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 62, 65, 68.
Saturday, May 10, 2008
Lotto 6/49 13, 15, 17, 26, 34 & 48. Bonus 25.
Ontario 49 16, 19, 35, 38, 42 & 44. Bonus 20.
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Early bird 1, 4, 24 & 33.
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Sunday, May 11, 2008
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Ontario Pick 4 0 3 7 8
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Daily Keno 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 20, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 39, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67.
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Global effort needed to save bears

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A symbol has emerged in the fight against global warming — the polar bear.

These magnificent beasts are in danger. The Arctic is warming up more quickly than the rest of the world and the Arctic ice is melting. These ice floes are where polar bears hunt seal, which forms a major part of their diet. The more ice-free days the Arctic has, the more food-free days the polar bears have. Even if the bears do not starve to death they can become too malnourished to reproduce and numbers of polar bears will plummet. Since the majority of polar bears live in Canada, Canadians are lobbying the federal government to do something to save them.

This got us thinking. In the past, the fate of an endangered species could largely be determined by the will of the government of the country in which the species lived to do something. For instance, rhinos and elephants have seen their populations rise because wildlife refuges were created and bans on hunting and poaching were enforced (although these populations are still vulnerable). Individual countries were able to take action and pass laws that directly, and in a relatively short time period, had a dramatic effect on animal populations. It took specific acts that directly targeted the threats to the species. We are not saying it was easy, but it was possible, given enough popular support and political will, to save a species from extinction.

Can we do this for the polar bear? Well, as we all know it is not that simple. It is within the power of the Canadian government to protect the habitat of the polar bear, to ensure that oil and gas exploration in the Arctic is limited. But the main threat to the polar bear cannot be eliminated by passing a single law or by hiring enforcement agents to prevent poaching or by setting aside land for habitat. It is going to take a global effort to save the polar bear. Far-away countries that a polar bear has never even heard of will have a part to play in saving this species.

This does not, of course, take the heat (or at least the warming) off the Canadian government to do something. Lately, Canada has been lukewarm at best in joining the worldwide anti-global warming effort. Canada can, and should, try to save the polar bear and other species threatened by climate change by cutting its own greenhouse emissions and working with other countries to lower global emissions of greenhouse gases.

But, in the end, saving the polar bear for good is not something the Canadian government can unilaterally decide to do. Just as it took the whole world to put the great white bear into danger, it will take the whole world to pull it back.

Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University, studying ecosystem ecology. Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, an environmental consulting company.

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Faith rocks music charts

WHO'S HOT

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He's got the lingo, the beat and the bling down pat. But there's more behind the shades of Imaan Faith than rap and hip hop.

"I have glaucoma (in both eyes), so there would be times when I was in the hospital thinking, 'Man, when are we finally gonna release this?'" Faith says in discussing his debut album, Let The Truth Be Known, which scored an impressive No. 6 spot on the national Soundscan Charts two months ago.

Throughout the 11 years it took to make the album, Faith has undergone six surgeries and has come close to losing his sight on many occasions. Prayer to God, meditation and the recitation of Chinese mantras has helped the 24-year-old weather the dark days.

Those days also include a near fatal fall by his mother at the family's restaurant in New York when he was 18. "I thought she was gone as she was in a coma for a couple hours, but then she came back," shares Faith.

The family had initially relocated from Tehran to Toronto in 1986 during the Iran-Iraq war, but moved to New York in 1988 and back to Toronto in 2003.

Witnessing his passion for music, his brother Ali formed G.U.T.S. Records and set the gears in motion for a path in music. However, that, too, came with a price. The family cars were sold as were its homes and restaurants to finance the dream.

"If it wasn't for the hard times then what would be the good times?" he adds.

The CD's first video, Haven't Seen You Smile, was one of the first rap videos chosen as a featured video by both YouTube Canada and the United States. More than 300,000 views have, so far, been logged.

Already, the "Hip Hop Prince of Persia" moniker has begun to percolate. "Back home my cousins tell me they hear my songs everywhere, so I do plan on doing some shows out there, but I don't know if the government would allow me and Tupac's Thug Life group across the border," says Faith.

An award-winning and multi-faceted media personality, Lawrence's career spans journalism, television and public relations (event management, publicity). Log onto lawrence-chau.com for more buzz.

RYAN LEBAR PHOTO

Name Imaan Faith I **Age** 24 I **Occupation** Rap, Hip-hop Artist
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Job hunting for the new millenium

THE GRADUATE

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Job hunting has become something of a sport in its own right. Gone are the days where the simple mailed out paper resumé sufficed. Today, companies are taking an active role in searching out top talent. The market is moving at a faster rate with e-mail applications and Google background checks — keeping up isn't easy, which is why many job hunters are creating portfolio websites.

"Finding that first job is a daunting task, especially if you're looking for something specific," says recent graduate and innovative job hunter, Michael Sefcik.

"I wanted to go beyond the traditional one-page resumé and provide potential employers with more information about me," he explains. "I wanted to stand out from other applicants and showcase all of my past experiences in an innovative way."

Sefcik, 25, recently graduated from Lund University in Sweden with his masters and previously received his bachelor of arts at York University.

Disheartened by the way traditional job sites present online resumés — which are only available to recruiters who are registered to the job site — Sefcik wanted more.

"Sure, job seekers can create an online resume, but more often than not, it's limited to a lacklustre text version."

He was inspired to create an online resumé after browsing through the professional websites of university professors and graphic designers.

"Professors often wrote in great detail about their research, whereas designers used portfolios to provide samples of their work. I thought to myself, it would be impossible for them to fit everything onto one piece of paper, but a website, on the other hand, is the perfect medium.

"When looking for information about someone I immediately turn to the Internet. I think whether we like it or not, more and more personal information will end up online," says Sefcik. "The important thing then, is to manage our online identity in a way that is helpful to ourselves and others, but also respects our privacy."

Kavita Gosyne, 26, is a vibrant young journalist. She writes about her transition from student to employee and the issues she faces such as office politics.

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Seasonal hiring for summer jobs is underway with 23 per cent of hiring managers planning to hire seasonal workers for this summer, says a CareerBuilder.com survey. Of those hiring, 66 per cent are considering their summer recruits for permanent placement within their organizations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Getting fitted for your dancing shoes

ASK JILL

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Q Jill, I'm a student graduating from high school and I have a real passion for dance, especially African dance. I'm not for sure though if I'm going to study dance and theatre in university or if I might take a college or even a professional school route. I wanted to know about where I might be able to start building my experience locally or even in the States if there were paid apprenticeship or scholarships available to help me afford that. I just want to tour around the world dancing. Thanks, –JESSICA THOMSON.

A This is a wonderful career path that you have chosen! I've had the privilege of seeing live dance performances and I'm always in awe of how much bodily control and strength it takes to make the performance appear so seamless. Having spoken to many dancers, it's also not the most pain-free of professions either. You really have to love it and be committed to the final result — the art form, your passion and your audiences. I'd totally recommend you check out Toronto's Ballet Creole with artistic director Patrick Parson (*www.balletcreole.org*). Ballet Creole is home to many dancers, choreographers and musicians whose passion for performance is fused with Caribbean and contemporary African cultural art forms (dance, theatre, music, etc.). The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre with artistic director Judith Jamison (*www.alvinailey.org*) is another school you must get familiar with. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, there are three Toronto performances May 16-17 at the Sony Centre (*www.sonycentre.ca*) to wrap up its 27-city North American tour. The school offers scholarships, student talk backs and mentorship opportunities. Good luck!

Q Jill, I am completing my CMA and have an MBA. I have a permanent job as an IT business analyst. I am interested in a volunteer position or a part-time position in business consulting or business planning, where I can learn skills to upgrade my resumé for senior positions. How can I find volunteer or part-time positions? Thanks, –SHIBAM ROY

A Your first step would be to tap into your existing network at your current job to see if anyone there has any leads on potential volunteer spots you could take advantage of. After that, do your research. Contact companies you are familiar with and ask them if they are connected to any volunteer organizations. The most important thing with your hunt is to ensure that wherever you end up you'll be connected with someone who can actually help you attain the skill set you're looking for. Try to tap into a mentorship relationship if possible. Browse through *www.charityvillage.ca*, Canadian Management Centre *www.cmctraining.org*, and Canadian Association of Management Consultants *www.camc.com* for some helpful ideas.

summer hunt

» By now, if you're looking for a summer job you're already well in the swing of your search. If you haven't received many interviews yet kick it up a notch. Return to the classic methods of cold-calling and in-person stop-ins.

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on the » **move with enza**
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name » *Mark Mattson* **age** » *46*
occupation » *Environmental lawyer* **location** » *Bay and Dundas streets*

MARK MATTSON always had a fascination for civil rights. After working as a criminal lawyer, Mattson made the switch to environmental law. Today, he champions for clean water as president of Lake Ontario Waterkeeper (*waterkeeper.ca*). For Mattson, going to bat for the underdog is what he enjoys most.

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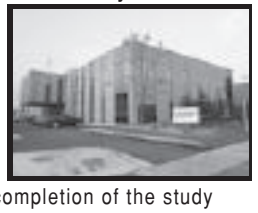

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Jennie Garth, left, will make special guest appearances on the spinoff of Beverly Hills, 90210, playing a guidance counsellor at West Beverly High. PEOPLE.COM

weekend box office

Iron Man is No. 1 at the box office.

» Following are the top 10 films at the box office in Canada and the United States on the weekend:
» **1. Iron Man, $50.5 million US**
» 2. Speed Racer, $20.2 million
» 3. What Happens In Vegas, $20 million
» 4. Made Of Honor, $7.6 million
» 5. Baby Mama, $5.77 million
» 6. Forgetting Sarah Marshall, $3.8 million
» 7. Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay, $3.2 million
» 8. The Forbidden Kingdom, $1.9 million
» 9. Nim's Island, $1.3 million
» 10. Redbelt, $1.1 million

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Net gains for The Hour

Strombo talk show gets new fans via YouTube, CBC.ca

George Stroumboulopoulos has been quietly amassing a devout Internet following that reaches beyond Canada's borders with his low-key CBC talk show, The Hour.

The show has been getting millions of hits on YouTube since the public broadcaster started showcasing its content on the video-sharing site last fall. A Facebook group devoted to The Hour has members from as far afield as Australia and New Zealand.

The Hour is also the most popular show on CBC.ca, is routinely in the top 5 most popular video podcasts on ITunes.ca and was recently voted the top video podcast of the year in Canada by ITunes.

Strombo, as he's affectionately known in Canada, is now beginning to get routinely recognized in the United States.

"I get stopped in the States all the time by people who watch it online," he said. "In Utah, in California, in New York — it's happening more and more often."

The genial Strombo says his American fans like that his show is almost pure talk, with guests running the gamut from Hollywood celebrities to marquee politicians. He's sat down to chat with everyone from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Vincente Fox to the Foo Fighters, John Cusack and Kid Rock.

"When we conceived of this show we wanted it to be like a dinner conversation at Thanksgiving," he said.

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George Stroumboulopoulos has been quietly amassing a devout and substantial Internet following with his talk show, The Hour.

"Every other late-night talk show that exists is a strict comedy show first, but we're not — we put a lot of work into the interviews because we're curious people and we have really in-depth conversations with our guests. And that has caught people's attention online."

The show's producers have had discussions with international broadcasters interested in picking up The Hour, but the 35-year-old Stroumboulopoulos says online is rapidly becoming king, not traditional TV platforms.

"Part of the reason we did this show is for the kind of people who didn't really watch TV like this before, so they're not going to come to television — they're going to watch it however they want," he said. "Ten years from now, the cable channel isn't going to be nearly as important as the domain name. CBC.ca, that's the television channel of the future. We don't worry about where people are watching us, as long as they're watching us."

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Mid-century modern is hot

Shag accents, retro accessories seriously hip

If you like your interiors a little funky, then sit back, put your Austin Powers DVD on the telly and prepare for shag-tastic inspiration! Or read on!

Yup, today, we're all about the '60s and the '70s and we've got great advice if you want to go retro. And forget about spending a fortune — with a C and J scheme you always get loads of bang for your buck.

» Set your backdrop. Retro has loads of visual punch so paint walls a bright shade; fresh white latex is a great starting point and will "open up" even the smallest space.

» Keep window dressing unfussy. Try simple white sheers and add "pops" of colour with rollers. If you want to shell out on gorgeous funky investment blinds try Hunter Douglas (*hunterdouglas.com*) or visit Ikea for more affordable choices.

» Less is more. On this week's show, rather than be too literal and floor everything — wall to wall — in shag, we used white Karndean flexible "planks" (visit *karndean.ca* for a free CD planning pack) to create a warm heaven for the tootsies. And to add texture? We added shag area rugs from Dominion (*dominionrugs.com*). Gorgeous!

COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

» "Low slung" rules! Choose Danish sideboards, teak coffee tables and even quirky beanbags!

The 1960s were all about serviceability and ease of maintenance so upholstery fabrics were often wipe-clean vinyl or leather. Popular was a primary palette of red, blue and yellow, but to mix it up a little, we took this week's scheme in a slightly different direction.

Instead of "bright" upholstery we used a rich chocolate brown leather sectional from The Bay and brought it to life with zesty Hermes orange woollen cushions and throws. Remember — it's all in the mix. Tip: "Period" artwork doesn't need to cost a fortune. When cash is tight, a little creative thinking saves a fortune. To add a seriously original statement we bought a dozen clip frames from a dollar store, inserted orange cards in some and brown in others then positioned circles of orange or brown cards on their opposing colour bases. Arranged in a regimented line they look awesome and are reminiscent of statement wallpapers from the '60s!

> « *Hit garage and yard sales and be amazed at some of the brightly coloured ceramics and glass wares that can be snapped up for just a few dollars each.* »

And our fave retro kit destination? Morba on Toronto's Queen Street West — its stock of '60s and '70s paraphernalia is mind bending. We regularly visit to root out retro chairs and tables as well as a whole host of accessories.

Hit garage and yard sales and be amazed at some of the brightly coloured ceramics and glass wares that can be snapped up for just a few dollars each.

But you'd better be fast — "Mid-century modern" is becoming seriously hip. In the words of Austin Powers: It's "Groovy, baby!" And in the words of Colin and Justin? It's "Pricier, baby ... by the minute!" So get shopping ... while there are still some bargains to be had!

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Facebook profiles soon portable

The popular online social hangout Facebook says it's setting up a new system that will allow its 70 million users to take their personal profiles with them as they surf other websites.

Users will be able to automatically copy pictures, personal information and other customized applications established on Facebook to other websites without extra effort once the changes announced Friday take effect.

The privacy settings attached to a person's Facebook profile will remain in effect at external websites. Palo Alto-based Facebook unveiled its intention to extend its reach into other websites the day after its rival MySpace laid out a similar plan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

several weeks

» Both social networks say it will be several more weeks before their users' data becomes portable.

»news

In Brief

» **MUSIC** Carrie Underwood is the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry. The singer joined the cast of the long-running country music show Saturday. Garth Brooks handled her formal induction and Vince Gill sang a duet with her.

» **DEGREE** Vanessa Williams has received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University, nearly 25 years after she dropped out to become the first black Miss America. The 45-year-old actress-singer, who stars in ABC's Ugly Betty, also delivered the convocation address to graduates.

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books

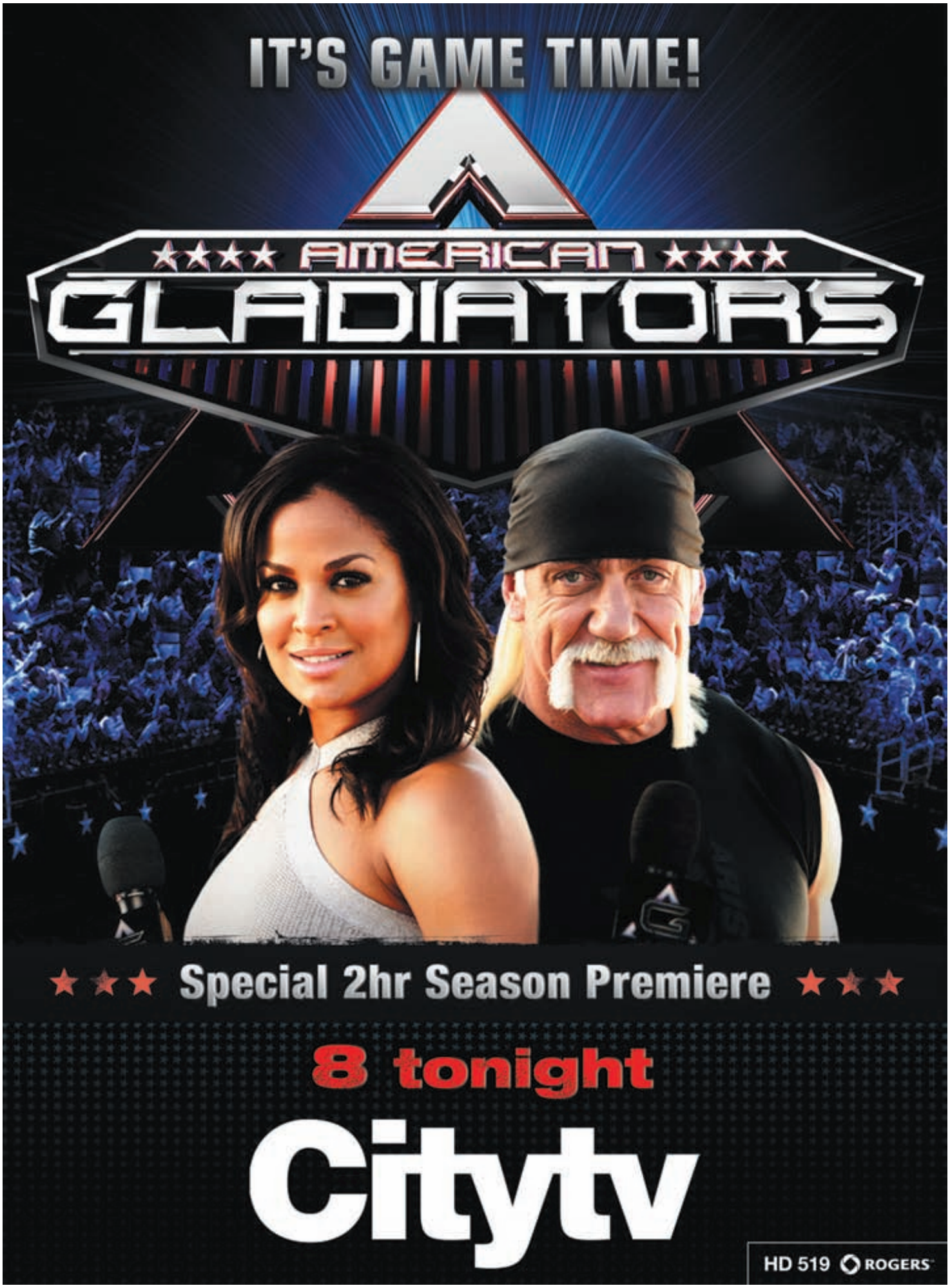
Depp's brother set to publish novel

AUTHOR A British literary agency says actor Johnny Depp's half-brother Daniel will publish his first novel.

Loser's Town follows a private detective called in when a Hollywood star begins receiving death threats.

MBA Literary Agents Ltd. said Friday that Daniel Depp struck a deal with Simon and Schuster to publish the book in the United States and Britain early next year. Canadian rights have been acquired by Penguin.

Depp is a scriptwriter and producer who splits his time between France and California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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» **PEOPLE** Rapper Foxy Brown has pleaded guilty to menacing a neighbour in Brooklyn, N.Y., with her cellphone last year. She avoided jail based on time already served. The 28-year-old rapper, whose real name is Inga Marchand, spent seven months in jail for a case involving a fight she had with manicurists in a nail salon. She was released last month.

» **PEOPLE** Authorities say DMX has been arrested on drug and animal-cruelty charges in Phoenix, Ariz., following an overnight raid on the rapper's house.

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O.J. confessed, ex-friend says

Simpson fessed up to murders while high: Book

O.J. Simpson

A memorabilia dealer who profited from O.J. Simpson for many years is the latest former crony to write a tell-all book, this one alleging a groggy Simpson, high on marijuana, confessed to killing his ex-wife after he was acquitted.

Mike Gilbert also claims he helped his former friend wiggle out of the murder charges by suggesting how to bloat his hands so they wouldn't fit the notorious bloody gloves.

Gilbert's book, How I Helped O.J. Get Away With Murder: The Shocking Inside Story Of Violence, Loyalty, Regret And Remorse is due in stores today.

He said Simpson had smoked pot, took a sleeping pill and was drinking beer when he confided at his Brentwood home weeks after his trial what happened the night of June 12, 1994.

Simpson said he went to his ex-wife's condominium, but did not bring a knife with him. Simpson told him Nicole Brown Simpson had one in her hand when she opened the door.

In a soft mumble, Simpson told him: "If she hadn't opened that door with a knife in her hand ... she'd still be alive."

"Nothing more needed to be said," Gilbert writes. "O.J. had confessed to me. There's no doubt in my mind."

Simpson's lawyer Yale Galanter said none of Gilbert's claims are true and that Gilbert is "a delusional drug addict who needs money. He's fallen on very hard times. He is in trouble with the IRS."

> « *This stuff not only didn't occur but it's not factually supported by the evidence.* »
>
> *Simpson lawyer Yale Galanter*

"I've talked to O.J. about it," said Galanter, who refused to allow Simpson to comment directly because of his upcoming robbery trial in Las Vegas. "This stuff not only didn't occur but it's not factually supported by the evidence." Simpson himself participated in the controversial book, If I Did It, which he claimed was not a confession. It was withdrawn by the publisher and eventually released last year by the Goldman family to help satisfy a $33.5-million US wrongful death judgment.

Gilbert said he continued to represent Simpson for another decade after the alleged confession, hawking items with his autograph, hiding the profits and helping Simpson shield his possessions so they could not be seized by the Goldman family.

Gilbert also claims he counselled the jailed Simpson during his murder trial to stop taking his arthritis medicine so his hands would swell up and not fit the bloody gloves in court. He offers no proof Simpson followed his advice or that he was taking any medicine, but the drama that played out in court when the gloves didn't fit was central to Simpson's defence.

Former Gilbert partner Bruce Fromong, who was involved in the Las Vegas incident, said Gilbert is known for spinning tall tales.

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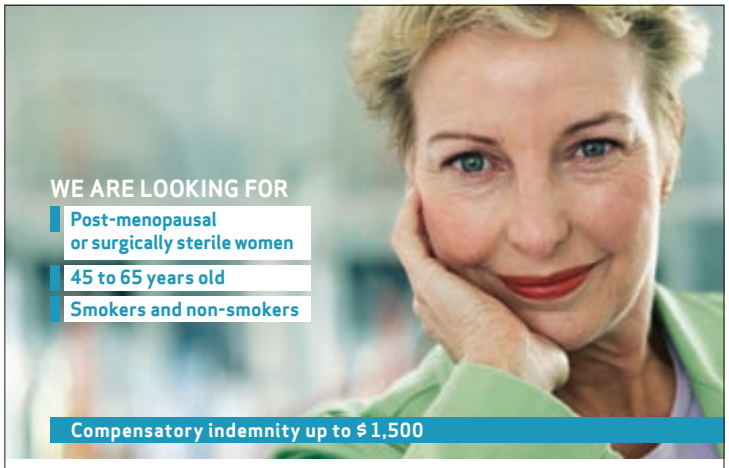
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Dad banned from Idol rehearsals?

Backstage meddling has caught up with the father of American Idol finalist David Archuleta, a source says.

A person working for the TV talent contest says Archuleta's dad has been banned from rehearsals.

The source says Jeff Archuleta was told this week by producers he can no longer join his 17-year-old son David as he prepares for the show.

The person isn't authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

David Archuleta of Murray, Utah, is one of three contestants left as the top-rated Fox show heads toward the May 20-21 finale. But Jeff Archuleta's backstage involvement had become a source of concern for the series, the person connected with American Idol said, adding it was a

D. Archuleta

lyric change on last week's show that pushed producers to act.

Despite a warning, Jeff Archuleta insisted on altering Stand By Me, one of two songs his son sang on Tuesday's show. By adding a verse from Sean Kingston's Beautiful Girls, the father incurred additional costs for American Idol, the person said.

Fox declined comment. Attempts to reach Jeff Archuleta for comment were unsuccessful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Walters refuses to argue

Barbara Walters says she refuses to engage in debate with Star Jones, who accused her of revealing a past affair just to sell books.

"Star is going through a very difficult time right now, and I'm going to have very happy memories of how wonderful she was on the program," Walters said.

Jones is divorcing banker Al Reynolds. She lashed out at Walters after the journalist wrote in her autobiography Audition that the women of The View were forced to cover up Jones' gastric bypass surgery as she swiftly lost weight ahead of her wedding. Jones maintained at the time that she was eating less and doing Pilates.

Earlier this week, Jones criticized her former boss for including revelations of an affair with a former U.S. senator in the 1970s. Walters said her intention was to give the book historical perspective.

Walters

"I put it in to show in part how race relations have changed," Walters said. "This was 30 years ago, it was an African-American prominent man. And it would've destroyed his career and mine. Today it would have almost no impact."

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Surviving the game

Probst reveals how he's survived Survivor

After all this time, you don't associate Jeff Probst with traffic gridlock, yowling sirens, or office towers crowding the sky.

It's not that Probst seems out of place in a metropolis like New York. It's just that, after 16 seasons hosting CBS' Survivor, he's more readily identified with various brands of wilderness half a world away. Yet here he is in Manhattan, eager to talk about Survivor: Micronesia, whose finale originated last night from the Ed Sullivan Theater.

"This has been a season of blind-sides and dumb moves," Probst zestily sums up. "We've had a really strong women's alliance for the first time. We've had people out with injuries. A woman lost her mind." (Or, at least, her will to continue: On Day 19 of the 39-day ordeal, Kathleen begged tearfully to be sent home — and was.)

FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES
Survivor host Jeff Probst.

The process will start over again, with Probst presiding at the next, yet-to-be-announced exotic site as Survivor No. 17 goes into production in July.

Season after season, the Nielsen tribe has spoken and pronounced Survivor an enduring hit. How to explain it? Probst theorizes that success has stemmed from starting with a good idea, then sticking with it. He thinks back to the first season, as the series took the plunge with its distinctive style and pseudo-mythology.

"We wanted to make an impression, and we wanted our own vernacular: 'castaways,' 'survivors,' 'the tribe has spoken.'

"I knew it was corny," he adds with a laugh. But, to his everlasting credit, he never let on. From the premiere — when Sonja (remember her?) made history as the first castaway to be "voted off" and told "it's time for you to go" — Probst nailed his compound role as master of ceremonies, counsellor, ringmaster and provocateur.

Just a few weeks later, he was taking on more roles: Directing an indie film from his own script. Finder's Fee, an edgy drama that begins with someone finding a wallet that contains a winning lottery ticket, was released in 2001.

"I've learned a ton about storytelling from Survivor. I'd love to make another movie." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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	210	302	6	CBC	22 Minutes	Countdown to	Next Great Prime Minister		Just for Laughs		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	American Gladiators (Season Premiere) (N)				The Bachelor: London Calling		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Degrassi: Next	Dancing With the Stars			Robson Arms	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	218	345	11	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	How I Met	How I Met	Engagement	Engagement	Paradise Hotel 2		News (N)
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	-	-	14	-	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		News (N)		King	King	My Backyard
	213	326	15	SUN	Scrubs	George Lopez	World's Most Amazing Videos		One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)		To Serve and Protect		Grill Rm.
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Engagement	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	American Gladiators (Season Premiere) (N)				Medium (N)		News (N)
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	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Britcom Membr	Antiques Roadshow (N)		American Experience (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)				Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)		CW11 News at Ten		Family Guy
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers
	298	653	332	TLA	Reba	Reba	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl (N)
news	502	390	26	NW	News (N)	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Detroit Auto Show All Access		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money
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	400	400	30	TSN	That's Hockey	NHL Pregame	NHL Hockey: Western Conference Final Game 3 -- Red Wings at Stars					SportsCentre	
	411	457	58	OLN	Exploration	Videos	The Amazing Race 7		Mantracker	Mantracker	Departures (N)		Pilot Guides
	417	406	81	SC	Pinks	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)		NASCAR All-Star '08 (N)		Unique Whips		Pinks
family	551	542	25	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Adrenaline Proj	Futurama	Shadow Raider	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	George-Jungle	Road Runner	Scooby Doo	Futurama	Tripping-Rift	Tripping-Rift	Robot Chicken	Robot Chicken	Tripping-Rift
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	The Suite Life	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean	House	Confidential	Divine Design	How Clean	Kim	House
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	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Trailer Park	Billable Hours	Damages		House
	620	523	40	BVO	Cirque du Soleil's Solstrom		Ballets Russes				Bravonews	Delicate Battle	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten	Tim Gunn's Guide to Style		Project Catwalk		End of Leash
	522	506	43	HIS	JAG "The Boast" (DVS)		Dogfights		Rome "Philippi"			Urban Legends	JAG (DVS)
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Distraction	Punched Up	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Outside	Find Your Style	Property Virgin	Home to Stay	Design U	Parents House	House Hunters
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Cop Land ★★★ (1997, Crime Drama) Sylvester Stallone.				Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	Hell Date	Playas Ball (2003, Drama) Allen Payne, Elise Neal.				Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Different World
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Blood Ties (DVS)		Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	The Hills	Hills: Record	The Hills				The Hills	The Paper	Hills Aftershow
	618	524	54	TROP	Diva on a Dime	Diva on a Dime	ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Good Eats	Perfection	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Yes, Minister	Wait for God	9B "Accident" Bob dates Beth.		Divine Restor.	Recreat. Eden	Doc
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Staying Young in Hollywood		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
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	300	601	301	M1	Stargate Atlantis "This Mortal Coil"			In Treatment	Dexter		This Am. Life	Penn & Teller	Tracey Ullman
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:15) High Explosive (2000, Action) Patrick Bergin.				The Blue Lagoon ★★ (1980, Romance) Brooke Shields.				Blackout

critics' corner

House

This show always goes out with a bang — sometimes literally, as in the second-season finale in which House (Hugh Laurie) was shot. In the opener of this gripping two-part season ender, he loses a big chunk of his memory due to a bus accident. He has a lingering feeling that someone else on the bus was deathly ill, but he can't remember the details. Robert Sean Leonard also stars in "House's Head." 9 PM on FOX

Samantha Who?

As the old song says, breaking up is hard to do, but Sam (Christina Applegate) is wishing it were a little easier. She's putting things on hold with Todd (Barry Watson) until he's finally free of Chloe (Kiele Sanchez) — who, Sam suspects, is lying about a sick relative to forestall the breakup. Birthday party plans for Sam have Regina and Andrea (Jean Smart, Jennifer Esposito) at odds in the season finale, "The Birthday." 9:32 PM on ABC ACH-B

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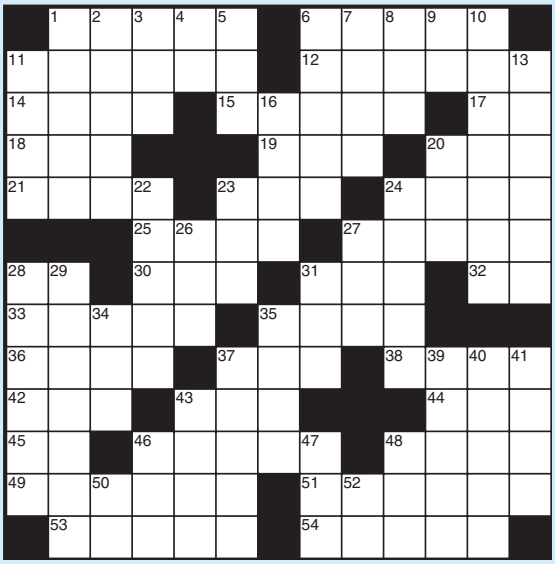

down

1 Floors for good
2 More than lethargic
3 Tie recipient, often
4 Minister's deg.
5 — it up (have some laughs)
6 Please greatly
7 Shriveled from heat
8 Posed for an artist
9 Commercial
10 Shouting
11 Lucy Lawless role
13 Vandalize
16 Cat's plaint
20 So!
22 Gush forth
23 Dangle bait
24 Office worker
26 Streetwise
27 Tavern
28 Fiery particles
29 Bullet size
31 Try for office
34 Pro vote
35 Jetty
37 Western settings
39 Bride's walk
40 Squirrel refuges
41 Passable
43 Pleat
46 Kingsley of "Species"
47 Livy's eggs
48 Husband of Fatima
50 Refrain syllable
52 Little Rock's st.

across

1 Child
6 Piece of prose
11 Olivia Newton-John tune
12 Like some crystal
14 Watched
15 Sears rival
17 Morgan — Fay
18 Eur. nation
19 Summer, to Pierre
20 Chatty alien
21 — spumante
23 Forest grazer
24 "Wool" on clay sheep
25 Artie of jazz
27 Opposite of "noir"
28 Ga. neighbor
30 Just a taste
31 "Norma —"
32 Appliance brand
33 Settle accounts (2 wds.)
35 Happy rumble
36 Toward shelter
37 Shark giveaway
38 Green Hornet's valet
42 Estuary
43 Swimming pool tester
44 Rub the wrong way
45 PC capacity
46 Pack animal
48 On a voyage
49 Choose
51 Hill opposite
53 Prioritizes
54 Zodiac sign

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Be ready to hear some sordid details. A romantic prospect is lost and will ask for help. A dramatic woman will get in over her head.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A nuisance will cause some foolishness. A ghastly gathering will go off the deep end. Resist the desire to stay in a bad situation.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
A comedian demands to have a private place. An official suggests a career shift. A supporter is a true friend to you.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A thriving playmate will back you up. A wonderful job offer will come from a nearsighted person. Being well-informed is essential now.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A unique situation will have unexpected benefits. Take care of someone who is worn out. An issue will be resolved to your satisfaction.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Don't hide from an offer of love. If you get something wrong, admit that you need help. A noteworthy woman has some rotten news.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A baffling statement will cause you to chuckle. Someone will bluster for the sake of love. Material goods should be chosen for comfort.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A drawling friend will have an important message. An intimate chat will blow your mind. A challenge to authority will embarrass you.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Go out with an awkward friend for a good time. You amaze people with your courage. A lunatic is finally seen to be amusing.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A tantalizing woman is casting a spell. Freedom will come when you stand up to a liar. A lucky woman will start purring gratefully.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A forceful person will bother someone else. Your treatment of a friend will be taken into account. Go slowly with a new love.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Don't be caught in a position of weakness. You're capable of self-healing. A scary event will be seen in a positive light. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Low: 5.4°

Records
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Low: -2.2°/1939

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Sunset: 8:34 p.m.
Moonset: 2:32 a.m.
Moonrise: 1:15 p.m.

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Liv 'great' after separation

Actress Liv Tyler is bouncing back from her separation from rocker husband Royston Langdon according to her dad, usmagazine.com reports.

"Liv is doing great," Aerosmith's Steven Tyler said.

The couple have a three-year-old son, Milo.

"They remain good friends and devoted parents to their son Milo and are requesting that their family's privacy be respected at this time," a rep said late last week.

Tyler, 30, married the Arckid rocker, 36, in 2003.

A source reportedly overheard the actress seeking advice from a lawyer on the phone.

Tyler, who said in 2004, "I don't believe in divorce," told Us magazine in February she had forgotten about Valentine's Day. Metro News Services

Lindsay stole my clothes: Model

Lindsay Lohan's enemies are coming out of hiding in the wake of her fur coat controversy – and now a model is rehashing her claims that Lohan stole her clothing, as well, People.com reports.

The same week a Columbia University student insisted Lohan swiped her $11,000 US blond mink coat in New York City earlier this year, model Lauren Hastings says on the buzznet.com website that the actress lifted thousands of dollars worth of items from her closet, Inside Edition reports.

"Basically, I have two closets, a lot of the stuff was missing out of one and the next closet was almost completely empty," Hastings says on a video featured on the buzznet site, claiming her things disappeared during an unauthorized late-night party tossed by her housesitter.

Citing five witnesses, Hastings, 23, also alleges, "They all said they saw Lindsay Lohan basically in my closet, handing a bag of clothes to her bodyguard."

In an e-mail to People, Lohan's rep responds: "This is all not true. It's not what it seems."

Police reportedly searched for the missing items, but they were not recovered.

According to documents that Inside Edition obtained from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Hastings did report the theft of clothing, but the DA's office pressed no charges against Lohan due to insufficient evidence.

"I contacted Lindsay and said, 'Look, I know you stole my clothes.' She then said I was completely delusional, I was pathetic," Hastings said.

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Miley too busy for boyfriend

Singer/actress Miley Cyrus is too busy to have a serious boyfriend, and insists her life in the spotlight is "too much to handle" for any potential suitors, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 15-year-old, who has been linked to fellow teen singer Nick Jonas, the youngest of the Jonas Brothers, admits her hectic lifestyle has ruined any chance of a love life right now, although she prefers to be the elusive girl "no one can get."

"I think I'm too much to handle right now," Cyrus says. "There's so much going on in my life at the moment with travelling and there's always cameras following me, all that kind of stuff. I don't think it's great for dating anyone. There are guys I like to hang out with, but I like to be the girl who no one can get. I think that's always hotter anyway." Metro News Services

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Alanis opens up about breakup

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Singer Alanis Morissette says she's naturally optimistic – but battled hard times over the last few years when she hit "rock bottom," People.com reports.

"I took a break over the past two and a half years. I was tending to my personal life," says Morissette, who called off her engagement to longtime boyfriend, actor Ryan Reynolds, in 2007.

During that time, she says she hit "rock bottom" due to "a personal unravelling of significant relationships in my life." (Morissette did not comment about Reynolds' recent engagement to actress Scarlett Johansson.)

But Morissette, 33, worked through the low period by writing songs for her upcoming album, Flavors Of Entanglement, due June 10, and discovering more outlets for her emotions. She says "everything from pounding pillows to sharing with intimate friends," helped her through the hard times.

"The record chronicles the rock bottom finally being hit."

Still, she's hopeful about true love, she says.

"Oh yeah. My nature is always hope filled. It's more about values matching now. That's the foundation."

Though she admits she is, "dating someone," she says she'd rather not reveal who it is – yet. What Morissette did reveal is she's planning to tour North America this fall. Metro News Services

Nicole wants more kids

Nicole Richie's life now is all about her baby daughter Harlow – and more babies, the New York Daily News reports.

The Simple Life star says the most surprising thing about being a new mom is "how fun it is" and adds she expects her brood to expand.

"I want five children," she told the June issue of Harpers Bazaar. "Twin boys and three girls. I've wanted that since I was a little girl."

She hopes to raise the kids where she grew up in Los Angeles and is adamant about staying in California. Her boyfriend, Joel Madden, however, thinks L.A. is a toxic environment to bring up children and wants to move the young family to Thailand or Sydney.

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Mariah plans family

Songstress Mariah Carey is planning for a busy few months ahead – she wants to start a family with her new husband Nick Cannon, female-first.co.uk reports.

The couple wed in a sunset ceremony at Carey's home in the Bahamas on April 30, and Carey isn't wasting any time baby planning with her spouse.

"It's part of the whole purpose of getting married. I'd just want our children to have the best childhood and upbringing they possibly could," Carey said.

Rapper/actor Cannon reveals he was lost for words when the time came to say "I do."

"I haven't been shy in years, but I was speechless. I was elated, but I was thinking, 'Don't pass out,'" he said.

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Sarah Jessica intervenes for film

Sarah Jessica Parker had to beg curators of The Smithsonian museum to return her Sex And The City character's desk and laptop so she could use them in the forthcoming movie, imdb.com reports.

The set accessories – used by Parker's columnist character Carrie Bradshaw – were donated to the museum when the hit show's run came to an end in 2004.

Parker reveals bosses at the institute were so reluctant to return them that it took a personal phone call from the star herself.

"After the series finale The Smithsonian called us to ask for the desk and laptop from the TV show. They only released it back (for use for the film) after I made several personal calls." Parker said. "When it was suggested I use a replica because no one would know it was a replica, I said 'I will know.' We had to have that desk – as a writer, it's an extension of you."

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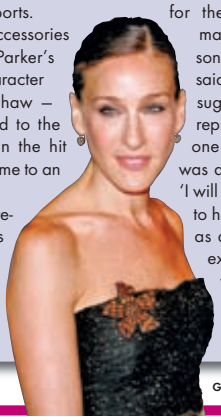
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Christina to bottle new perfume

Pop star Christina Aguilera has announced plans to launch another addition to her line of perfume later this year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer has taken time off from her music career since she gave birth to her first child, Max, in January, and has instead spent her time as a new mother working on her third scent.

Aguilera's two previous fragrances, Xpose and Simply Christina, have both garnered international success and the new scent, Inspire, is due to hit shops this fall.

One source told Life And Style magazine: "Christina's worked hard to get the scent exactly how she wants it. Because of the success of those perfumes, it was a no-brainer to create another. She'll be shooting ads for it soon."

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